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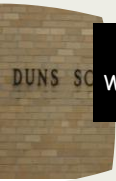
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WNY Young Writers' *studio*

Sharing Our Expertise

A Note from Mrs. Stockman

I can't believe another season of Studio is about to come to a close. We've learned so much this year! Everyone has begun developing a vision for who they would like to be and what they would like to produce as writers. We've developed better strategies for collaborating with one another and more than a thing or two about different web tools that enhance our writing. We've defined topics that we are passionate about and established friendships with those who validate our work and challenge our thinking. In fact, at this point, we've moved through nearly every step of the writing process. Most importantly, we've begun to learn more about how our dispositions influence the quality of our writing and the way our community functions. Our April sessions will be devoted to editing and revision as we get ready to share our growing expertise.

We're looking forward to producing an anthology of our work this spring, and I would like to encourage everyone to submit something to our collection. While many pieces will come from Studio fellows, some have been submitted by teachers in our program who have used what they've learned with us to support students in their own classrooms. I can't wait to read this melting pot of great writing!

As many of you know, the first annual WNY Young Writers' Studio Celebration of Writing will be held on June 5th at Pinnacle Charter School in Buffalo, New York. I wanted to take a moment to personally invite all Studio writers, teachers, family members, and friends to contribute to the "pot-luck" of great strategies and resources that will be shared on this day. Everyone who attends is invited to lead an informal conversation with 1-4 other people around a writing-relevant topic of interest. Studio writers and teachers will prepare for this big day at our April 10th session. Parents, friends, and other members of the Western New York community are invited to come and learn with us by sharing their own tips and ideas as well. We're grateful to Studio fellow and Pinnacle Charter School administrator Dr. Heather Lyon for inspiring her school to host us this year! We hope to see everyone there!

Too often, writers and teachers are encouraged to value perfect processes and products over learning and process. Sharing our expertise does not require us to be experts. It calls us to be generous. First and foremost, it requires us to be learners. I can't wait to celebrate our writers and teachers and program in progress with everyone this spring!

SUBMIT YOUR WORK

If you would like to see your work included in our first WNY Young Writers' Studio anthology, please submit your piece via email to stockmanangela@gmail.com. We print all forms of writing, but space is limited. The deadline for inclusion is May 1st!

I'm looking forward to publishing your work right here in our community newsletter!!



The WNY Young Writers' Studio

Announces

Our First Annual Celebration of Writing!

Hosted by Pinnacle Charter School



This Year's Theme:

Celebrating Writers and Teachers in Progress

What is the WNY Young Writers' Studio? Founded in 2008, the WNY Young Writers' Studio is a learning community of adults and children devoted to the study of what it means to be a writer, what great writing is, and how to produce it. Each of us is a student and a teacher of writing from different school and home communities. We seek diversity in membership and celebrate the rich perspective that our differences provide us. Every member of our community contributes to the vision and the mission of the work that we do, regardless of their age, title, or position. Part of our mission involves using what we've learned through our work together to help others grow as writers and teachers. Our Celebration of Writing helps us realize this goal!

What is the Celebration of Writing? The Celebration of Writing is a free event that will be held on Saturday, June 5th from 9:30am until noon at Pinnacle Charter School in Buffalo, New York. Those who attend are invited to join in the celebration by sharing their favorite writing or teaching ideas, lessons, resources, or strategies. This will happen as participants connect during several brief and informal conversations. Writers will also be welcome to read from their work in a variety of small and comfortable settings. Brief workshop sessions for young writers will be offered as well. This event will provide all who attend the opportunity to meet and learn from a number of talented writers, educators, and service providers in a friendly atmosphere without the risk of overwhelm that is sometimes inherent in more formal readings and presentations. This "un-conference" will be facilitated by all of the attendees in honor of their thinking, their talents, and their efforts to gift others with their words and deeds. This year, we are committed to the celebration of our works and ourselves *in progress*, and all that we are learning in the process.

How Do I Register? You may register by completing the attached form and mailing it to the address provided. You may also register online by following the link provided at the top of our Calendar of Events page at <http://wnysummerstudio.wordpress.com/calendar-of-events>. Upon registration, welcome packets including an agenda of the days' events, participation tips, directions to Pinnacle Charter School, and a map of the building will be sent. For more information, please contact Angela Stockman, founder of the WNY Young Writers' Studio at stockmanangela@gmail.com or 716-418-3730.

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Are you eager to participate but uncertain what you might like to share or how you might do so?

See the following page for a list of ideas, and plan to discuss your thoughts during your visit to Studio on April 10th!

Please Contribute to Our Learning!

All attendees are invited to join in our celebration by sharing their writing, their ideas, their strategies, their lesson plans, or resources with us.

How will you contribute to our learning on June 5th?

Any ideas are welcome! Feel free to work with others in planning and sharing too. Check those ideas that may apply or add your own below.

☐ I would like to read from my work in progress or a finished piece.

☐ I have a writer's craft tip, strategy, or idea to share. It is related to developing:

☐ Ideas ☐ Word Choice ☐ Sentence Fluency ☐ Voice ☐ Organization ☐ Conventions

☐ I have a writer's process tip, strategy, or idea to share. It is related to:

☐ Brainstorming ☐ Drafting ☐ Peer Review ☐ Revision ☐ Editing ☐ Publishing

☐ I would like to discuss tips, strategies, and ideas that help writers grow their dispositions.

☐ I have a lesson or unit plan to share.

☐ I have a tech tool to share.

☐ I would like to share strategies that help writers work with one another better.

☐ I have a classroom or Studio management strategy to share.

☐ I have a writing project idea I would like to share.

☐ I have a craft project to share that is related to writing.

☐ I would like to share my strategies for teaching or trying a certain kind of writing.

☐ I would like to share an excerpt of my favorite writer's work.

☐ I would like to lead a 30 minute workshop on the following topic:

☐ OTHER: _____

Our Next Meeting is April 10th!

Grades 2-5

9am-11am

Grades 6-12

12pm-2pm

Room 218 Duns Scotus Hall
Daemen College, Amherst NY

Please Join Us Online:

Facebook:
<http://tinyurl.com/yzbvsjf>

Ning:
<http://wnyywss.ning.com>

What Should We Bring?????

Our next session of Studio is going to be a busy one!
Please make sure that you come prepared with the following in order to make the most use of the day!

Elementary Fellows:

- Bring your props for the digital story you began drafting this year. We're going to shoot your photos!
- Everyone should bring one edited and revised draft of ANY piece of writing that they would like to include in the anthology. I will be collecting and doing a final edit of these before I ask you to submit them in final form electronically!
- Think of a writing strategy, idea, or book that you could share with someone else. We'll be helping you plan for the Celebration of Writing in June!

Middle and High School Fellows:

- Bring one edited and revised draft of any piece of writing or excerpt that you would like to include in the anthology! I will edit at your request before asking you to submit in final form digitally.
- Think of a writing strategy, idea, or resource that you would like to share with others at the Celebration of Writing in June. We'll plan this together.
- Internship applications are DUE!

Questions or Concerns?

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